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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

FRANKIE L. STINSON

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 16-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 13, 14 and 16-33 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 11, 12, 20 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 9, 11, 12, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Milocco et al. in view of Mercer.

Re claim 9, Milocco is cited disclosing a dishwasher, comprising: a case (3), at least one rack (not shown) installed in the case and configured to receive a plurality of items; a spray arm (6) installed below the at least one rack and configured to spray washing fluid; pumping means comprising a first pump (5) configured to repeatedly pressurized and supply washing fluid to the spray arm and a second pump (11) configured to discharge the washing fluid; and a filtering device configured to filter the washing fluid comprising a collector (4) formed in a washing fluid flow passage configured to collect the washing fluid at a bottom surface of the case and to discharge the collected washing fluid to the pump, a filter (9) provided in the collector and configured to filter out particles; and a filter self-cleansing device configured to perform a self-cleansing operation on the filter wherein the filter self-cleansing device comprises a spraying portion (21) disposed outside the filter and configured to spray washing fluid supplied by the first pump onto the filter so as to dislodge particles accumulated on the filter that differs from the claim only in the recitation of the pump having a first pump section and a second pump section. Mercer is cited disclosing a dishwasher having a self-cleaning filter assembly, where the pump is comprised of a first pump section (66) and a second

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pump section (66). It therefore would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in tea art to modify the dual pumps in Milocco, to be a single pump with a first and second pump section, as taught by Mercer, for the purpose or reducing the cost of two separate pumps versus the cost of a single pump. Re claim 11, Milocco discloses the primary filter (8) and a secondary filter (9). Re claim 12, Milocco, as proposedly modified, discloses the inlet port for the first section for washing operations and a drain inlet port for the second section for a draining operation. Re claim 20, Milocco discloses the combined pump as claimed. Re claim 21, Milocco to have the first section as an upper section and the second section as a lower portion is deemed to be an obvious matter of design as since this is considered to be an obvious substitution of equivalents (see MEPE 2144.06 SUBSTITUTING EQUIVALENTS KNOWN FOR THE SAME PURPOSE).

3. Claims 1-8, 13, 14, 16-19 and 22-33 are allowed.
4. Claim 10 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-14 and 16-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FRANKIE L. STINSON whose telephone number is (571) 272-1308. The examiner can normally be reached M-F from 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and some Saturdays from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1700 (571) 272-1700.

Any inquiry for missing parts of this Office Action (copies of references, pages, forms etc.), contact the TEAM LEADER Ms. Nicol Scott (571) 272-1045.

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